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1. LEADERS OF ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE ASSEMBLY MET
FEB. 15 TO DISCUSS PROROGATION AND PREDICTABLY
CONDEMNED IT. THEIR JOINT STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE PM
HAD ACTED TO EVADE THE NON-CONFIDENCE DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR
FEB. 17. BUT THE FAR MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM, THE OPPOSITION
LEADERS SAID, WAS THAT THE PM "HAS FREED HERSELF FROM THE
DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE FOR
A PERIOD OF FULLY 98 DAYS DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD. SHE
WILL OF COURSE HAVE THE FURTHER LENGTHY PERIOD WITHOUT THE
NATIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY BEGINNING WITH THE DISSOLUTION AND
ENDING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS
ALSO THUS FREED HERSELF FOR FURTHER UNDEMOCRATIC
MANEUVERS AND FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL
AND ILLEGAL ADVENTURES AIMED AT A DICTATORSHIP WHICH
ARE FREELY TALKED ABOUT IN THE COUNTRY." THE STATEMENT
THEN CALLED UPON THE PEOPLE TO "PREPARE ACTIVELY TO
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PROTECT AND DEFEND THEIR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND THEIR
SOVEREIGNTY."

2. VOA BROADCAST FEBRUARY 16 AN ITEM ABOUT PM
BANDARANAIKE IN WHICH SHE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID
THAT SHE PROROGUED THE ASSEMBLY TO DEPRIVE DISSIDENTS
WITHIN HER PARTY OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAMATICALLY EXPRESS

THEIR COMPLAINTS BY PUBLICLY CROSSING THE AISLE. WE PRESUME THE
ITEM WAS BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. IF SHE DID MAKE SUCH
A FRANK STATEMENT PUBLICLY, IT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE
LOCAL PRESS.

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